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NEWSLETTER

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION
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JOHN LORENZ, DIRECTOR OF THE LIBRARY SERVICES BRANCH attended P.N.L.A. in Sun Valley and gave us a first hand account of the dramatic and exciting climax when the Library Services Act Extension Bill was passed. He expressed appreciation for the dedicated efforts of the Montana Congressmen in securing the passage of the Act. Let us be sure that we express our thanks to Representatives Lee Metcalf and LeRoy Anderson. Tell them how much we appreciate their fine help and how important L.S.A. is to all Montana residents.

ALL STATE AGENCIES will soon receive a copy of "The Library Image; A manual of Library Interpretation" and soon manuals will be sent to all Montana librarians. We have asked Miriam McNally to send a copy to each of the State Agencies with information concerning the availability of other copies for their use.

"THE DIFFICULT WE CAN DO IMMEDIATELY: THE IMPOSSIBLE MAY TAKE A BIT LONGER," The Massachusettes Library starts its delightful newsletter with this slogan, in their report on the passage of the extension of L.S.A. They say it has been widely quoted since World War II and they think it is time to dust it off and use it again!

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT MRS. R. D. WARDEN has accepted the appointment as Chairman of Montana for the American Library Trustees Association. Trustees will soon have a letter from Margaret.

IN THE EXCELLENT REPORT ON THE EXTENSION OF L.S.A. BY LURA CURRIER, STATE LIBRARIAN OF MISSISSIPPI, she notes the significant fact that state and local funds have been increased by more than 50% since the beginning of L.S.A. We hope that Mrs. Currier's report can be reprinted in quantity so that we can give it wide distribution.

DR. LINUS CARLETON AND MRS. ROBERT (INEZ) HERRIG, to whom we refer with affection as the team of "Linus and Inus", gave a most effective presentation of the importance of school and public libraries at the Conference of the State School Boards Association in Missoula on Friday, October 14th. Inez tells us that her petitions are in with plenty of signatures to assure that the bond issue for a new library building will be on the November ballot.

DON'T MISS "BLACKFOOT COUNTRY" BY HELEN B. WEST in Montana, the Magazine of Western History, Autumn 1960 issue. This is Helen's second article for this magazine, for in the Winter 1959 issue she had published "Starvation Winter of the Blackfeet".

THE HILL COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY honored Jo Sykes at their yearly Montana Author's Coffee Hour on Wednesday October 12th at 10:00 A.M. in Havre.

"ARIZONA'S TRAVELING TRUSTEE" BY CATHERINE CHADWICK is a stimulating feature of the October 1960 A.L.A. Bulletin. We have asked Catherine for permission to reprint in Montana Libraries and asked too for the attractive picture that accompanies the article.

INEZ HERRIG'S TRIBUTE TO GRETCHEN SCHENK in her talk at M.S.L.A. at Great Falls is quoted in the October issue of Wilson Library Bulletin.

EVERYTIME THAT WE SEE A PICTURE SHOWING THE ARKANSAS TRUSTEES going to A.L.A. on a chartered bus, we wonder "why can't we do this in Montana?"

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HELEN EWING, PRESIDENT OF M.S.L.A. and Librarian of the Glasgow City-County Library, conducted a workshop on children's literature for teachers at the six-county institute sponsored by the State Department of Education in Wolf Point on September 27th. The institutes at Lewistown, Baker, Miles City and Billings all included programs on libraries and children's reading. Miss Irene Groom of M.S.U. spoke at Billings, Alma Jacobs, Bess Pittman, and Ruth Longworth took part in Lewistown and at Baker and Miles City, Clare Smith and Ruth Longworth presented the program.

THE YOUNG ADULT SERVICES DIVISION of A.L.A. has embarked upon the Asia Project to help young people of high school age to increase their understanding of Asia and Asians. A bibliography "Richer by Asia" is available from A.L.A. @ $1.25. A limited number are on loan from the State Agency.

CELEBRITY REGISTER could be a valuable addition to the reference collection since it includes biographies not found in the usual library sources. Price to libraries: $20.00, Celebrity Register LTD, 140 West 57th Street, New York 19, N.Y.

ANN WHITMACK, LIBRARIAN OF THE PARMLY BILLINGS MEMORIAL LIBRARY has a weekly radio book review each Saturday morning. Great Falls continues its weekly television show, and at the state library, Mary Ellis has resumed her weekly television "Story Time With Mary". Send us news of your radio and TV programs.

FLORIDA'S THOMAS DREIER, editor of that excellent monthly leaflet, Libraries for Florida has won the A.L.A.'s Citation of Merit, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to public libraries.

RECEIPT OF A $30,991 GRANT to the American Library Association from the Council on Library Resources, Inc., Washington, D.C., for use in planning a "Library of the Future" exhibit at the forthcoming Century 21 Exposition in Seattle was announced by David H. Clift, Executive Director of the A.L.A. The Century 21 Exposition, first international exposition to be held in the United States since 1939, will be held from April 21 to October 21, 1962. Eighty-four nations have been invited to participate in the 74-acre Exposition, which is expected to draw 10 million visitors. Congress has appropriated $9 million for the official United States exhibit. Dr. Irving Lieberman is Chairman of the Committee.

THE FIRST ISSUE of the News Bulletin for Librarians - White House Conference on Aging will be published in early October and circulated to more than 3500 librarians throughout the nation. The Bulletin will contain up to the minute information on the field of aging, and how libraries and librarians can effectively make use of this information and material in their communities. It will be published periodically according to the amount and quality of information available.

GUIDELINES FOR LIBRARY PLANNERS, an authoritative work on library planning and construction, based on the proceedings of the Library Building and Equipment Institute sponsored by the Buildings and Equipment Section of the American Library Association, will be published in early October, it has been announced by the A.L.A. Publishing Department. The report is a practical guide to planning and equipping libraries at the same time it provides architectural background and the philosophy of design which should be an integral part of any library building.

GROUND WILL BE BROKEN in early October for a five story, $1,000,000 office building to house the national headquarters in Chicago of the American Library Association.

DISTRIBUTION THIS FALL of the revised "ALA Membership Promotion Handbook," a membership recruitment handbook, and development of a long range membership program for the American Library Association, has been announced by the Membership Committee.

"TO BE IGNORANT OF THE PAST IS TO REMAIN A CHILD," said Cicero. Books bring to us the recorded experience of the race. A public library is a treasure house of ideas.